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- 1. STORIES APPEARED IN EL CRONISTA AND TIEMPO ON APRIL 7 CONCERNING DECLARATIONS BY THE PROCURADOR GENERAL, SERAPIO HERNANDEZ CASTELLANOS, IN REGARD TO THE UNITED BRANDS BRIBERY CASE. THE STORIES STATE THAT HE SENT REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ASKING FOR THE NAMES OF THE HONDURAN OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN BRIBED. ACCORDING TO THE STORIES, HE SENT THE REQUEST BECAUSE THE U.S. SENATE HAD APPROVED THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS BRIBED BY U.S. COMPANIES.
- 2. EMBOFF SPOKE TO HERNANDEZ ON MORNING OF APRIL 7 CONCERNING STORIES. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MARCH 12 REQUESTING THAT THE NAMES BE FORWARDED TO HIS OFFICE. HE COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT UTILIZE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THE LETTER WOULD BE LOST THROUGH INCOMPETENCE OR INTENTION. HE REMARKED THAT HE PLANNED TO SEND A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE EMBASSY FOR ITS INFORMATION.
- 3. EMBASSY REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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